Claims

- 1. An apparatus for data transmission within a spread-spectrum communication system, the apparatus comprising:
- a long-code scrambler having data symbols as an input and outputting the data symbols scrambled with a long code; and
 - a modulator having the scrambled data symbols as an input and outputting modulated scrambled data symbols.
- 2. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the modulator maps the scrambled data symbols to a constellation.
 - 3. The apparatus of claim 2 wherein the modulator is a quadrature amplitude modulator.

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- 4. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the long-code scrambler comprises:
 - a long code generator outputting a long code;
- a decimator having the long code as an input and outputting a decimated long code; and
- a permuter having the decimated long code as an input and outputting a plurality of permuted, decimated long codes.
 - 5. An apparatus for reception of transmitted signals within a spread-spectrum communication system, the apparatus comprising:
- a demodulator having a transmitted signal as an input and outputting a demodulated signal; and
 - a long-code despreader having the demodulated signal as an input and outputting despread data.
- 30 6. The apparatus of claim 5 wherein the demodulator is a quadrature amplitude demodulator.

- 7. The apparatus of claim 5 wherein the long-code descrambler comprises:
 - a long code generator outputting a long code;
- a decimator having the long code as an input and outputting a decimated long code; and
- a permuter having the decimated long code as an input and outputting a plurality of permuted, decimated long codes.
 - 8. A method for data transmission, the method comprising the steps of: receiving symbols by a long-code scrambler;
- long-code scrambling the received symbols to produced scrambled symbols; and

modulating the scrambled symbols.

- 9. The method of claim 8 wherein the step of modulating the scrambled symbols15 comprises the step of mapping the symbols to a constellation.
 - 10. The method of claim 9 wherein the step of modulating the scrambled symbols comprises the step of quadrature amplitude modulating the scrambled symbols.
- 20 11. A method for data reception comprising the steps of:

receiving a transmitted signal and demodulating the transmitted signal to produce a demodulated signal;

long-code descrambling the demodulated signal.

- 25 12. The method of claim 11 wherein the step of receiving and demodulating the transmitted signal comprises the step of receiving and quadrature amplitude demodulating the received signal.
 - 13. An apparatus comprising:
 - a long code generator outputting a long code;
 - a decimator having the long code as an input and outputting a decimated long code; and
 - a permuter having the decimated long code as an input and outputting a plurality of permuted, decimated long codes.

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14. The apparatus of claim 13 further comprising:

a plurality of scramblers having the plurality of permuted long codes as an input and outputting a plurality of scrambled data streams.

5 15. The apparatus of claim 14 further comprising:

a plurality of quadrature amplitude modulators, each having a scrambled data stream as an input and outputting a modulated data stream.

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